

THE CITIZEN

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Saturday, December 31, '70

WANTED--A PRINTER.

A printer who is a good and steady workman, can get two or three months, if not longer employment, at good wages, at the THE CITIZEN office.

The Old and New Year.

The year 1870 has been an eventful one, take the world over, and a prosperous one in the United States, on the average. The Southern States have made rapid advances in the production of staples, and altogether peace and recuperation on a permanent basis is the word throughout the Union. The Indians have given less trouble the country over, during the same length of time, than for many years. To repeat it, there is a feeling prevalent at least, to the effect that Arizona's time will come at last; of course, for there is an end to all things. But there are substantial evidences of a better state of things here than ever before. New posts and roads have been established in important sections, and the depleted ranks of the military are to be filled, and additional aid afforded and a strong policy enforced, according to general belief. Immigration is announced from all sides on a greater or less scale, in one form or another. It is very probable that something practical will be done with one or more Southern Pacific railroad scheme, which would turn the tide immensely in our favor. California is coming to her senses, as well as to her second wind, and that will inure to our good. We are to have increased mail facilities, which if properly managed, lend great prestige to any country, but more so in proportion to a new one. This and more has taken shape during the year 1870, if there be luck in odd numbers, we have reason to hope that a satisfactory fulfillment may take place in 1871.

No one year for a century past has produced such an astounding event (amounting perhaps to an epoch or the beginning of a new era) as that of the Prussian success in the war with France. The Napoleonic dynasty (Louis and wife) came tumbling down like the immortal "Jack and Jill." The Prussians have the entire regular army of France, digging potatoes and ditches in Germany, and are fast gobbling the volunteers and transporting them for the same purpose. But the end is not yet.

THE Mission Camp murderers pre-faced their bloody deeds by opening the door and in the usual way asking for horse feed and its price, closing the door and returning in a few moments with a Spencer carbine. Mr. and Mrs. Reidt were sitting by the stove discussing what they should have next day for a Christmas dinner, James Lytle was standing by all happy, apprehending no danger and anticipating their Christmas festivities, when the door again opened and instantly a ball from the Spencer pierced Mr. Reidt's heart. Next Lytle fell, and then Oliver. Mrs. Reidt was knocked down, but the entreaties of a Mexican herder spared her life. She was dragged about by the hair, and violently thrown upon the dead body of her husband. The murderers then sacked the house of \$250 in money, flour, coffee, sugar, tea, etc. etc., and with five fine stage animals departed. This occurred near 6 P. M. The down stage reached there at 9.30, driven by John Mackle. He says among all his adventures, and they are many and various, he never witnessed such a sight and experienced such indescribable sensations. The conduct of the dogs was remarkable, and columns of readable details might be given, but our space forbids. With much persuasion, Mrs. Reidt was induced to go to Arizona City by stage, where she is well cared for and will soon recover. The body of her husband was taken down there and buried Tuesday at 10 A. M., and James Lytle and Thos. Oliver's remains were interred at the camp, by a party who went up for that purpose on Sunday.

The Mission Camp Massacre.

A brief account of this dire slaughter of human beings is given by our Arizona City correspondent. Since it occurred, we have passed over the Gila river road and find that it has aroused general alarm, and a determination to exhaust every measure of local and if need be invoke national aid to bring the guilty wretches to justice, and prevent the repetition of such terrible crimes. It would require several columns of our space to recite the half we heard one way and another about this outrage. The matter of race is prominent, and it appears to be in some measure at the root of the several murders committed along the Gila valley by Mexicans within the past few years. In this instance the young son of Mr. Kilbride, who happened at Mission Camp at the time of the murders, was spared, as the murderers said, because he had Mexican blood in his veins, and Mrs. Reidt was denounced as a "damned gringo bitch," and other worse epithets having reference to race. It is the boast of many Mexicans, so the American settlers declare, that they will yet clean the river of whites, from one end to the other. The Sonora line is near by and can be crossed in twenty-four hours after the commission of a crime. When over, criminals are quite secure, and the readiness with which they can repeat raids and crimes and return, encourages them in their work of pillage and murder. There seems to be a low branch of the Mexican race who, when injured or fancy they have grievances to redress, never resort to legal processes or any other, but murderous attacks with all advantages on their side, and many of them now infest the highway from Laguna Station, where the Los Angeles and San Bernardino road intersects, to just above Mission Camp, where there is a prominently travelled road to Sonora. The station keeper at Laguna remarked in our hearing, and that too before he knew of the Mission Camp massacre, that the road was lined with suspicious Sonoranians, and he believed many of the horses they had were stolen in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. He and others along there were on the alert, and keep a good watchful eye out for these fellows. The Lower California boundary is but four miles from Laguna, and the traveled road lies mostly out of the United States from thence to Fort Yuma, and we may say the facility for escape of criminals is very great along the stage and freight route between here and San Diego, and unless the Mexican authorities will promptly aid in capturing, returning, and in all possible ways bringing these bad men to proper punishment, even a worse condition of affairs on the border will ensue. Citizens of the United States will endure much before resorting to illegal means of redress, but in this instance the limit is almost reached. This matter will be pressed home upon the Mexican authorities personally and officially, and if not responded to with promptness and effect, the United States government will be called upon to effectively interfere. Our border must be protected from these migratory thieves and murderers. This subject shall have farther attention.

A meeting was to be held in Arizona City on Tuesday last to exchange views upon the best course to pursue, in reference to the Mission Camp murderers, to the end that they be captured, punished, and such deeds be restricted if not wholly prevented in the future. They are thoroughly aroused, and intend to press this matter with persistent force upon our local and national authorities, as well as those of Mexico. Col. Jas. M. Barney advised Governor Safford of the facts, and the Governor has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of the criminals. Col. Barney says that they are known, and description will be sent by next mail. Yuma county will probably offer a reward.

LETTER FROM ARIZONA CITY.

The Most Cruel and Cold-Blooded Murder or Assassination in the History of Arizona.... Three Men Killed and a Woman Shot and Thrown upon the Dead Body of her Husband.... The Criminals Escaped.... Stage Station Robbed, Etc.

ARIZONA CITY, Dec. 25, 1870.—Christmas is very "triste here" here, especially since the arrival of the Tucson stage bringing the horrifying intelligence of the brutal murder of Chas. Reidt, James Little and Thos. Oliver, at Mission Camp station, last evening; also the wounding of Mrs. Reidt, and the sacking of the station, by three Mexicans. With a Henry rifle, they commenced the attack upon their unsuspecting victims between five or six in the evening, and after killing them and cutting the throat of Oliver from ear to ear, they then behaved in the most wanton and cruel manner to the rest of the persons who were rendered helpless by the death of the men, dragging Mrs. Reidt by the hair of the head a considerable distance and tantalizing her with the sight of her dying husband, and finally threw her upon his corpse and shot her through the thigh. When they left, they took everything of value about the place including all the stage stock. On this frontier, we have become accustomed to bloodshed and violence, but this act eclipses all others in cold blood-shed and pure cussedness so much that every one here seems to be awe-stricken at the enormity of the crime. A party left immediately upon the receipt of the news to bury the bodies. Mrs. Reidt has been brought to town. Her wound is severe but not dangerous.

Clean-up of Gila Placer Mining Co., for 44 days, is eleven ounces.

McCormick's wagons arrived from Tucson on the 19th.

The soldiers on the hill gave a grand dance last night, and the residents of this place give one this evening.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Port of Arizona City—Arrived Dec. 20, str. Nina Tilden, Capt. Mellen, from Ehrenburg; on same day, barge White Fawn, Wilson. Departed: Dec. 22, str. Tilden, Mellen, for Ehrenburg; same place, barge Fawn, Wilson. Memoranda—Barque Glara Bell reported to have left San Francisco, on Wednesday of this week for the mouth of the Colorado.

PUBLIC attention is directed to the advertisement of Steiner & Klauber, of San Diego. They are very substantial men, give the strictest attention to business, and always satisfy their customers.

MONEYARY.—Gold in New York, Dec. 24, at 4 P. M., was 110½; greenbacks, 90½ and 91½.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of M. J. Flournoy, Dec'd.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of M. J. Flournoy, Deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, within one year from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at his office, in the town of Tucson and County of Pima, or the same will be forever barred.
PINCKNEY R. TULLY,
ADMINISTRATOR.
12w4 Tucson, A. T., December 29th, 1870.

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Newton Israel, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the Estate of Newton Israel, deceased, to present them to the undersigned at his office in Tucson, with the necessary vouchers, within twelve months from the date of this notice, after which date all outstanding claims will be forever barred.
JOHN H. ARCHIBALD,
ADMINISTRATOR.
Tucson, A. T., Dec. 31, 1870. 12w4

INDIAN KILLED.—The mail from Prescott arrived about ten o'clock today.... Capt. Monihan, of 3d Cav., on his return from Verdi, killed one Indian and saw several hostiles.

GEN. GEO. B. DANDY, formerly A. Q. M. at the Arizona City U. S. Depot, will not return therefor duty, but to the States. His successor has not yet been assigned.

Rafael Suastidui, an experienced jeweler, has opened a shop in town. His advertisement will appear next week.

Too LATE.—Letters from Phenix and Ralston; will appear next week.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DISTRICT COURT SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the First Judicial District, County of Pima, and Territory of Arizona.... John B. Allen against Hilario Cuevas.... The Territory of Arizona sends greeting—To Hilario Cuevas, defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, in the District Court of the First Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, and to answer the complaint therein, filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Tucson, in the County of Pima, within twenty days (exclusive of the day of service) after service of this summons upon you, if served within this county; if served out of this county, but within this District, thirty days; in all other cases, forty days.

The said action is brought to obtain a decree of Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage described in the said complaint, and executed by the said Hilario Cuevas to John B. Allen, to secure the payment of the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars in gold coin with the interest thereon, payable as follows, to wit: Three thousand dollars in gold coin, payable six months after the date of said mortgage, with interest at the rate of two per cent. per month, payable monthly, from the 25th day of January, A. D. 1868, and interest thereon; Three thousand dollars in gold coin, payable in nine months from the date of said mortgage, with interest thereon, at the rate of one per cent. per month, payable quarterly, from the fifteenth day of September A. D. 1868, and interest thereon; Three thousand dollars in gold coin, payable in fifteen months from the date of said mortgage, with interest thereon at the rate of two per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, from the 15th day of September A. D. 1868, and interest thereon.

That the premises conveyed thereby may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the payment of the amounts due the plaintiff for the aforesaid principal sums, and the interest that may be due; and for the sum of seventy-two 50-100 dollars, balance due the plaintiff, for repairs and improvement of said premises; for the care thereof, since the 15th day of September A. D. 1868, and for taxes and assessments levied and paid thereon; also, for the costs, expenses and disbursements of said suit; and in case such proceeds be not sufficient to pay the same, then to obtain judgment against the said Hilario Cuevas, for the balance remaining due, and for other and further relief.

If you fail to appear and answer the said complaint as herein required, the plaintiff will take default against you, and apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the District Court of the First Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1870.

O. BUCKALEW,

CLERK DISTRICT COURT,

12m3 First Judicial District, Arizona.

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